

1 REMARKS

2 The Examiner's rejection of the drawings because reference characters 67 and 94 were not
3 mentioned the description have been corrected. Numeral 67 which is seen in Figures 2-4 has been corrected
4 to read numeral 65 and is properly described in the specification. The specification has been amended to
5 identify tubular sleeve 94 that is connected to the top end of safety strap 84.

6 Claims 1-14 have been canceled. New claims 22-34 have been added.

7 Claim 22 is original claim 2. The Examiner indicated that claim 2 contained allowable subject
8 matter and that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the
9 base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 22 now incorporates the previous structure of claim 2 and
10 also claim 1. Claim 22 now recites structure making it patentable over the Tilley US patent 5,449,103.

11 Claims 23-27 are dependent upon newly added claim 22 and are believed to be allowable for the
12 reasons stated above with respect to claim 22 and in further view of the structural limitations contained in
13 each of these individual claims.

14 Claims 28-30 are dependent upon newly added claim 27 and they are believed to be allowable for
15 the reasons stated above with respect to claim 22 and in further view of the structural limitations contained
16 in each of these dependent claims. Additionally, these claims are believed to be allowable over Tilley,
17 Beletsky, Held et al, and Perry.

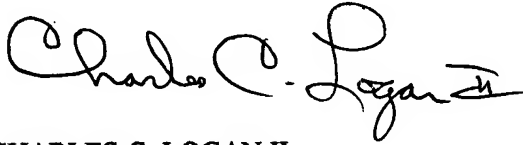
18 Claims 31 and 33 are dependent upon claim 22 and are believed to be allowable for the reasons
19 stated above with respect to newly added claim 22 and additionally in view of the additional structural
20 limitations contained in each of these claims.

21 Claim 32 is dependent upon claim 31 and it is believed to be allowable for the reasons stated above
22 with respect to claim 31 and in further view of the structural limitations contained in this new claim.

23 Claim 34 is dependent upon claim 33 and it is believed to be allowable for the reasons stated above
24 with respect to claim 33 and in further view of the structural limitations contained in the new claim.
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1 Since all of the claims now remaining in the patent application are believed to be allowable over the
2 patent references made of record, early allowance is respectfully solicited.

3 Respectfully submitted,

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